

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF . . .

I am a product of the RCIA process, having completed my initiation in 1986 at Holy Family. I have been actively involved in many liturgical ministries over the last 26 years, including drama, dance & music. I have served as a Lector and as Eucharistic Minister. I was Director of Liturgy & Music for Fr. Matt for ten of the years he was Pastor at Holy Family. In that time, I worked with and trained all liturgical ministers, including Altar Servers, helped to develop a children's choir, Family Mass, and the Generations of Faith program (faith formation for all ages) at Holy Family.

I have Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Theatre Arts - Dance from San Jose State, a Master's in Pastoral Liturgy from Santa Clara University, and a Ph.D. in Theology (emphasis in Liturgy & the Arts) from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. All of my studies have helped to prepare me for the work I have done for the Church over the past quarter century.

I am married, and my husband Ed and I will celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary this September. Ed is retired from Lockheed and has been my great supporter and helper in my work for the Church especially since his retirement. We have three sons and three grandchildren.

I look forward to meeting all of you over the next few months, especially the children and their parents and teachers with whom I will be working. There is much for us to learn together, especially as we begin the celebration of the Year of Faith in October. I am excited to be given the opportunity to take on this role at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. God's peace and blessings to you all.

*Susan Lee Olsen, Catechetical Coordinator of Children's Ministries*

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our summer comings and goings do not lessen our parish's dependence upon you all for our ability to cover our expenses. In case you've been out of town and haven't thought about covering your weekly or monthly offering to the parish for that time, would you give it consideration today?

Now at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish you can automate your weekly donation. You can sign-up online by visiting [www.paloaltocatholic.org](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org) and click the Online Giving icon on the homepage. Your Sunday Offertory donations, as well as gifts to

 *Our Weekly Offering*

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our Second Collections, will be automatically transferred from either your checking or savings account. Or use your credit card!

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!

*Please Pray*

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — *Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Linda Staelgraefe, Erika Staelgraefe, William McNerny, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Frances Galea, Betty Heigel, Consuelo Hernandez*

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — *Hong Lee, Fr. Tony Medina, Irene Zupon, Marguerite Chang, Marianne Pelligrini, Michel Boudart, Rachel Salcedo, William J. Wall, Emil Trojak, Rose DeVasto, William Chamberlain, Jean Koo, Natividad Aguila, Joan Sterling, Mary Stivala Peterson, Lorraine Schemel*

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or [fongmt@hotmail.com](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 19:  
9:00 am SAG . . . Joseph Schembri †  
10:30 am OLR . . Hong Lee †  
10:30 am STA . . Ines Garcia †  
12:00 pm STA . . Todd Lorell †  
*Readings: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58*

Monday, August 20: St. Bernard  
7:15 am STA . . . Mary Baracchi †  
*Readings: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22*

Tuesday, August 21: St. Pius X  
8:30 am OLR . . . Odette Aclimandos †  
12:15 pm STA . . Frances Podlovits †  
*Readings: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30*

Wednesday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
12:15 pm STA . . Rosalie Sherwinsky (sp. int.)  
*Readings: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16*

Thursday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima  
*Readings: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14*

Friday, August 24: St. Bartholomew  
8:30 am OLR . . . Frank M. Briggs †  
*Readings: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51*

Saturday, August 25: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary  
*Readings: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12*

*THE GIFT OF GRACE*  
*The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase. —St. Rose of Lima*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 25 & 26, 2012  
St. Albert the Great  
Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Epie  
Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Seimas  
Sun 11:00 am . . . . . Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester  
Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Fr. Miller  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Epie  
Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBD

Our Lady of the Rosary  
Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Stanley  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Seimas

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 19: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am ..... Hispanic Eucharistic (OLRH)  
3:00 pm ..... Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)  
4:00 pm ..... TMC Workshop (SAGH)  
4:00 pm ..... STAYouth (DC)

Monday, August 20: *Pastoral Center Closed*

Tuesday, August 21:

7:00 pm ..... Hispanic Board (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)  
7:30 pm ..... Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, August 22:

9:15 am ..... Fr. Allen's History (OLRH)  
9:30 am ..... Bldg. & Maint. (PC)

Thursday, August 23:

7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Catechists (OLRH)

Friday, August 24:

7:30 pm ..... Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 25:

8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)  
10:30 am ..... Baptism Class (PC)

## PASTORAL CENTER CLOSED

The Pastoral Center will be Closed for a special Summer Holiday on Monday, August 20. The Mass schedule remains unchanged.

## SECOND COLLECTION

The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa was founded on the basic principles of Pope John Paul II's call to action in *Ecclesia in Africa* and the adoption of the statement *A Call to Solidarity with Africa* from the bishops of the United States. THANK YOU to all who have generously contributed to the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your support makes a real difference in the faith lives of the people in Africa. Please continue to pray for our African sisters and brothers.

## 9TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST...

And ...Registration for Catechetical Classes – Next Sunday (August 26) we will offer our annual Pancake Breakfast following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Albert the Great and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to partake of these scrumptious feasts prepared for us by the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers from the parish. It is also your opportunity to register your children for our catechetical classes and sacramental preparation. (Registration forms are available on-line.) Susan Olsen, our new Catechetical Coordinator for Children's Ministries, will be present at both breakfasts to meet and greet you as well as to answer any questions you may have. You may also contact her by phone in the Parish Office (Ext. 25) or email her at [suolsen@dsj.org](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org).

## STA YOUTH LIFE TEEN AND THE EDGE

KICK-OFF MASS AND DINNER — All middle school and high school families are invited to join us for our ANNUAL FAMILY MASS AND DINNER on Sunday September 9th at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Mass will be held at 6pm followed by a potluck dinner for the whole family. Please stay and join us for our Parents Meeting from 8 to 8:30pm while your youth enjoy an evening of games. We ask that you RSVP to our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Alley White at [awhite@dsj.org](mailto:awhite@dsj.org). For our potluck style dinner if your last name starts with: A-J: please bring a salad, K-S: please bring a fruit dish / salad or T-Z please bring cookies.

## MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Diocese of San Jose, Anne Grycz and myself, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for the wonderful generosity and hospitality you accorded us on the weekend of Saturday, July 14 and July 15. We preached on the Diocese of San Jose mission to the Diocese of Montego Bay thru the generosity of you people, the Diocese received nearly \$5,000 to help leadership development in Montego Bay. As a Diocese, this will be our last major commitment to our sister Diocese in Jamaica. Your collection enables them to bring to completion a third year of the institute of service ministry, which our Diocese helped them to establish. We hope God will continue to bless your parish community and its outreach to those in need. – *Rev. Timothy Kidney*

## "CELEBRATION OF LIFE" RECEPTIONS ON HIATUS

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has a wonderful tradition of providing a reception following "Celebration of Life" funeral and memorial Masses. A hard working, tiny, band of dedicated volunteers organize this loving gift of time and talent for the Parishioners of our Parish. It is a rewarding ministry but, as the years have passed, the number of committee members has dwindled. For that reason, unfortunately, this ministry is now on hiatus. Our long-term coordinators Helen Short and Winnie Gannon are taking a break from coordinating this group. Parish families will now be directed to make their own arrangements.

If someone is able to step forward, we might be able to start it up again. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Beverly Wade [ndwade@pacbell.net](mailto:ndwade@pacbell.net) or 650-856-9339 Thank you! The parish thanks Helen, Winnie and the many parishioners who have helped out in this way in the past.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES HELP NEEDED

LITURGY LEADERS, CATECHISTS AND AIDES NEEDED —

It takes many people to do the ministry of teaching our children about our faith. And while one teaches others, one also grows in one's own faith. Please consider helping with this important ministry in our parish. Training and guidance will be provided. Our children need us to light the fire of their faith by sharing our faith with them. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Susan Olsen in the Pastoral Center (Ext. 25) or email her at [suolsen@dsj.org](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org).

## OLR HOSPITALITY HELP WANTED

The hospitality group at OLR is looking for a new family to host the coffee social after the 10:30am Mass one Sunday a month. This is an ideal opportunity for any family looking for a way to serve our parish where parents and children can work together. You will be providing a warm and welcoming environment for your fellow parishioners to socialize after Mass. Training and detailed instructions provided. Please contact Laura Chiu at 650-283-6343 or email her at [lauraleechiu@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleechiu@gmail.com).

## PARISH PICNIC — SEPTEMBER 16

In just a few weeks, our annual Parish Picnic will be held at Our Lady of Rosary church-site on Sunday, September 16th after the 10:30am Mass. This year we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Come join us for a time of festivity and fun. What we have prepared, we are proud to share: good food, entertainment, and games.

As a way of celebrating this special anniversary we are offering a parish-wide raffle. Every registered household will be receiving 2 books of 10 tickets. We have four Cash Prizes — Grand Prize is \$2,500! We want everyone to have a chance at winning. Tickets are \$5 each or buy 10 for \$40 or all 20 for \$80. What a deal! You may also obtain one free ticket at the Pastoral Center. Although there is no obligation to participate, we do appreciate your support.

## WHITE ELEPHANT GIVEAWAY

Got things around the house that are too nice to be discarded and yet you have no use for? Bring them to the upcoming parish picnic at OLR on Sept 16. The Green Committee is organizing our first ever "Totally FREE Market". The idea is to invite parishioners to bring in new or lightly used items to offer them ABSOLUTELY FREE to others. This will be our parish's own version of FreeCycling. Tables will be set up on the playground for items such as CD's, DVD's, books, toys, electronics etc. All items not picked up will have to be taken home by the donors. More details to follow.